

## **II. REMARKS**

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 55-84 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 61, 65, and 69 are independent.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that all claims were previously allowed. Nevertheless, certain of these claims have been amended for clarity with respect to the specification and Drawings, and not for any reason related to any statutory requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are fully patentable over Orth and Wijay, for at least the reasons set forth in the November 16, 2005 RCE Preliminary Amendment.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully drawn to already-cited Israel (USP 5,733,303), and Roubin (USP 5,827,321). Israel and Roubin both fail to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, the claimed peak-to-valley connection (Claims 61 and 65) or the claimed convex and concave shaped wall configuration (Claims 1 and 69).

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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